



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0613  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – COAL– AND GAS–FIRED GENERATING STATIONS –  
PROHIBITIONS (PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY STOP ENVIRONMENTALLY UNJUST  
COAL AND GAS PLANTS ACT OF 2021) PG 410–21**

**Bill Sponsor:** Prince George’s Delegation

**Committee:** Economic Matters

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0613 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Our members feel that Prince George’s County, and surrounding areas, have been the target of fossil fuel infrastructure placement for decades. This has had the effect of harming the health of the residents of Prince George’s County.

This bill will prohibit the Public Service Commission from issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to any entity to build a coal or gas-fired generating station if any part of it is located in Prince George’s County. This is an unusual step to have to take, since the Public Service Commission should be doing a much better job of shielding the residents of Maryland from fossil fuel infrastructure, but given that they keep issuing certificates, we applaud this step.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.